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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicant submits the following response in reply to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2009. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and allowance of all pending claims. The requisite fee of \$130.00 to cover a one-month extension of time is being electronically submitted herewith. However, no additional fees or charges should be required for entry of this response. If any additional fees are required for entry of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.